

EXCERPTS FROM NEWSPAPERS

Re: Pearl Bahmer

Was with Schneider on Saturday morn 9/16/22 when he discovered bodies. She was also in Prosecutor's office when Clifford Hayes and Raymond Schneider were being questioned on 10/8/22.

"I was with Schneider on night of 9/14/22 until 9 P.M. Took me home and said goodnight in front of my house. I met my father on front steps; he grabbed me by arm and commanded me to go walking with him. Said he had too much to drink and thought walk would sober him. As we left house toward Buccleugh Park I noticed several times Schneider, Kauffman and Hayes following. They caught up to us at George and College Streets. Schneider took off his coat, rolled up his sleeves and followed. We sat on grass near Johnson factory. I discovered Hayes crawling up to us. Asked what he wanted. He said 'I am looking for a place to sleep'. Ray was behind us leaning against tree. Father and I got up and walked away. They followed. Father held on to my arm all time and later when I said it was getting late and time to go home he squeezed my arm and said we would stay in the park. I cried and he squeezed my arm more tightly. The next evening I met Schneider at Somerset Avenue. He said 'Where did you go; I lost track of you last night.' I said 'Why did you follow?' He replied 'I thought your father would start some trouble with you.' I said 'You don't know how to fight anyhow.' He answered 'I have my friend Hayes who has a gun and he can take my part.' I told him it was five minutes to twelve when we got home and asked him when he did. He said 'I left at 3 o'clock and was looking for you.' I told him he was foolish because I did not stay out so late. On Saturday 9/16/22 Schneider came to music shop where I work and we took a walk up Easton Avenue. He did not want to go up De Russey Lane. Said he preferred Landing Lane. Told him I had never been on De Russey Lane and would like to walk there. We did and came across a couple lying under a crab apple tree. Didn't know they were dead. We sat down a little distance away and watched them. Noticed they did not move. Pulled him over to look at the couple. He got red in the face and nervous. Said 'I don't want to go over there.' He leaned against crab apple tree and said 'They are full of blood.' Also that 'they don't look as though they were murdered here. They look as though they were laid out.' I ran down the Lane a few yards asking him to phone somebody about it. Said he would not. He did not want to get into trouble. I insisted and he went to a nearby house and phoned. He was terribly nervous and dropped the receiver while in middle of his conversation. I then went home and told Mrs. Isaac Barton, 228 Neilson Street, about finding bodies."
(Morning World 10/10/22)

Pearl B. states S. had sharp pearl handled pocket knife. "Always cutting up something with it. I seen it lots of times." States he tried to get her to go away with him. That on the Sunday two weeks after murder particularly insistent on her going with him to Perth Amboy where he thought he could get a job. Says Schneider has revolver but she has never seen it. Claims

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to have seen him Sunday following discovery of bodies.
(Herald 10/10/22)

"I believe Raymond Schneider stole watch day we found bodies and he is trying to save himself by accusing Hayes of murder. I saw watch chain on the Rector." (Eve. World 10/10/22)

Pearl B. states that on 9/18/22 at request of Raymond's wife, Mrs. Schneider, she accompanied her to Phillips Farm. Mrs. Schneider opened the door of the Phillips House and asked her to go in but Pearl refused. That Mrs. Schneider told her not to say anything about having a key to the house. (Times 10/10/22)

"When we went over to bodies I noticed cards and letters thrown around. I started to pick them up. Raymond told me not to. He picks them up himself. I suggest that we look around for a gun. He said not to and told me not to say anything about what I had seen." (Eve. Telegram 10/10/22)

According to Pearl's father, Pearl jumped into Raritan Canal six weeks ago attempting suicide. Left a note for him saying Schneider was to blame. Attended by Dr. F. N. Hoffman and Dr. C. J. Sullivan. (Morn. World 10/11/22)

Pearl is being held as incorrigible minor. Father in \$10,000 bail on charge of incest based on statements made by girl and County Judge Peter F. Daly. (Tribune 10/11/22)

Told of call at Phillips Farm House. States "I never knew there was a house on the place. She knew it was there and went up on the porch and tried door. Then she produced key which she said was the key to her own house, put it in lock and opened it. I was frightened and did not go in. She did. Was in ten minutes." (Tribune 10/11/22)

States her charges against father are true. Raymond Schneider knew of attacks and became enraged. Asked her to poison her father. (Eve. Journal 10/11/22)

Pearl has been arrested frequently for truancy and delinquency. (Morn. World 10/12/22)

Intimates that Schneider knows more about murders than he has told. He asked her Friday night 9/15/22 if she had heard any shots night before. (Eve. Journal 10/14/22)

William D. Danbury and Paul E. Wing, attorneys for Pearl, state she has recanted her story that father attacked her over a period of several years. (Herald 10/21/22)

Has been staying at House of Good Shepherd in Newark. (Times 11/15/22).